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1. Applicant's arguments filed March 18, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's main argument seems to be that neither U.S. Patent No. 5,971,213 to Lee or U.S. Patent No. 1,220,783 to Ranney discloses the claimed limitation of the water tank being installed between a door liner and the dispenser housing. The dispenser housing is further defined in the claims as having insulation. Lee discloses that the water tank 11 is installed in the door so that the tank is mounted in the insulation and also adjacent the dispenser housing 16. Really, the only claimed item missing from Lee is the door liner. Ranney teaches the water tank 16 mounted in the door and again adjacent the dispenser housing 28. Ranney further teaches a shell 32 that is mounted across the water tank to hold the tank in place in the door. While Applicant argues that the shell 32 does not constitute an inner liner, the Examiner respectfully asserts that the shell 32 is mounted completely across the inside portion of the door as seen in Fig. 2. Thus, the shell can properly be construed as being the functional and structural equivalent of the claimed inner door liner

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William E. Tapolcai whose telephone number is (571) 272-4814. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs., 6:30 to 5.

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